

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

On page 2, paragraph [0008] is deleted.

On page 2, paragraph [0009] is amended to read:

[0009] The invention is based on the thought, that with a money deposit transaction the state of the bank notes to be deposited is determined, the bank notes being in a good state (i.e., fitness) are made available to the depositor after the completion of the money deposit transaction, while bank notes being in an unsatisfactory state (unfit for circulation) are withheld.

On page 2, paragraph [0013] is amended to read:

[0013] The apparatus 1 for executing a money deposit transaction has a housing 2. In the housing 2 is integrated an input pocket 3 freely accessible from outside, into which the operator, i.e. the depositor, can insert bank notes BN, which are to be withheld by the apparatus 1 and e.g. credited to a bank account of the operator. By means of a transport system 4, which may have basically known singling and transportation means, the bank notes BN inserted as bundles into the pocket 3 are transported separately through a checking device 5, in which they are checked as to certain physical and/or chemical properties. The checking device 5 beside checking currency, denomination and authenticity in particular serves for determining the state (i.e., fitness) of the inserted bank notes BN. This means, that in the checking device 5 it is checked e.g. whether the bank notes BN are worn, soiled, damaged or changed in any other fashion, which would oppose a further use of the bank notes BN in the money circulation.

On page 3, paragraph [0014] is amended to read:

[0014] In dependence on the result of the checking, the bank notes BN then are supplied to one of three possible storage pockets 6 to 8. The first storage pocket 6 is a pocket freely accessible from outside, into which the rejected bank notes not accepted by the checking device 5 are dispensed. These can be, for example, bank notes, which are not recognized by the checking device 5, for example because they are of a currency, the acceptance of which is not provided. Into the second storage pocket 7, which also is freely

accessible from outside for the operator, all those bank notes BN are dispensed, which were recognized to be authentic by the checking device 5, and the state of which or fitness for circulation is so good, that the bank notes BN are suitable for further circulating in the money circulation. This can mean, for example, that all those bank notes are dispensed into the storage pocket 7, which the checking device 5 recognizes to be only little soiled and/or little worn and/or little damaged. All other bank notes BN, which the checking device 5 accepts to be authentic, including banknotes determined to be unfit for circulation, are transported into the third storage pocket 8, which serves as intermediate storage device. The storage pocket 8 during an ongoing money deposit transaction is closed, e.g. by a not shown, automatically lockable flap, in such a way that the operator does not have access to the bank notes BN located in the storage pocket 8.